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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph on page 6, at lines 3-9, as follows:

Referring first to figure 1, which is introduced for explanatory and comparative purposes, this shows a typical network arrangement in which a single media gateway controller 11 controls first and second media gateways 12 and 13 so as to set up PTT network originating calls via a managed IP network 14. Communication between the media gateway controller and the gateways is established via a suitable device control protocol. Calls are set up via messages passed over e.g. a CCS7 (Common Channel Signaling 7) signalling path 15 to the media gateway controller 11.

Amend the paragraph on page 10, at lines 14-27, as follows:

It will be appreciated that if a media gateway controller assumes the same well-known port number is used by all gateways, a different IP address must be used for each gateway proxy on the gateway address translator. Otherwise, different ports at the same address will be sufficient. If a vendor's network management system is integrated such that the gateway element manager determines the addresses of the gateways from the same provisioning data as the media gateway controller, then the gateway proxy function of the gateway address translator must also be capable of acting as proxy for maintenance messages as well as device control messages. If the vendor's network management system is integrated such that gateways must be brought in service by an element manager before circuits are available for processing by the media gateway controller, rather than assuming they're available if they succeed on registration, then the virtual gateway must be capable of spoofing the minimal service maintenance commands of the element management system (SNMP or other).